

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003. For the following reasons, this application is in condition for allowance and the case should be passed to issue.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment. The amendment to claim 10 is in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation in the Office Action. The amendment to claim 15 corrects an informality. The amendment to the specification and drawings corrects an informality.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 have been allowed. Claims 10-18 are rejected.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowed claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not enabled by the specification. This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

The Examiner alleges that the specification is not enabled for a process of stopping and restarting relative movement which does not include at least two turn-back positions. Claim 10 has been amended to specify that the relative movement is stopped and restarted between at least two turn-back positions in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner asserts that there is lack of antecedent basis for the recited "the adjacent stop points including turn-back points." This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the claim limitations.

Applicants submit that claims 10-18 fully comport with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. There being no other rejections, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

In light of the amendments and remarks above, this application is in condition for allowance, and the case should be passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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